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passed through the districts lately infected. A very few cases of dysentery continue to be reported in all the provinces of the Empire.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Reports from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *February 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended February 19, 1900, 7 vessels were inspected and received bills of health at this port. The steamship *Rotterdam*, of the Holland-America Line, sailed for New York on the 15th instant, carrying freight and passengers. Sixty cabin and 386 steerage passengers were inspected, and 150 pieces of baggage were inspected and so labeled, and 91 pieces of baggage were disinfected and so labeled.

I have been able to learn of no sickness among the shipping.

The quarantine restrictions against Portugal have been removed, and all articles of merchandise, including rags, may now be imported from there into this port.

Respectfully, A. R. THOMAS.
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague continues.

MANILA, P. I., *January 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there have been 16 cases and 12 deaths from plague in Manila to date, and for the week ended January 20, 1900, 4 cases and 3 deaths occurred. The first cases developed among the Philippinos, but several cases have also occurred among the Chinese. The outlook is not encouraging, and I think there will be a marked increase in the number of cases.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NOTE.—Two complete steam disinfecting plants have been sent to Manila, and were received at that station January 4, 1900.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *February 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended February 17, 1900. I also inclose a copy of the specifications and plan of the disinfecting room recently completed at this station. The building is situated at one corner of the custom-house wharf, thus enabling a small boat or lighter to bring infected baggage, etc., to the outside door of the room. It can be